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FORM A Circumstances of Interview

STATE New York

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ADDRESS 43 Morton St.

DATE June 12

SUBJECT Hospital interview

1. Date and time of interview June 5 - 8
2. Place of interview N.Y. Hospital
3. Name and address of informant
4. Name and address of person, if any, who put you in touch with informant.
5. Name and address of person, if any, accompanying you
6. Description of room, house, surroundings, etc.

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A C. and A.

Say Butch, for a depressed patient that admission of yours can sure hook a chinik. My opinion is she's got senile arterio-sclerosis plus a little tsoris.

This fellow Butch is not a heartless guy by any means, but there's a limit to a man's patience and then funny things can happen. One time he'd been working all night and he was on duty all the next day. A woman on his ward was dying of uremia. The relatives were carrying on something terrific. Particularly some cousin, a big bitch of a woman, is screaming as though they were feeding her thistles. Wiener was up in his room resting a minute when the nurse calls him to ask him to do something about the cousin. He's half asleep and he tells her, "For Chrissake don't bother me' Give her a C. and A. suppository." That's codein and aspirin to quiet you.

Half an hour later he goes down to the ward. He hears weird noises in the examining room. What's up now? He opens the door and there are two nurses trying to jam a C. and A. up the ass of this monster of a cousin. Took it literally, by Jesus!

***** INSTRUMENTS INSIDE

Famous surgeons! Listen to this. I had a cousin who was operated on for stomach ulcer by the biggest specialist in the east, Professor Klipper. First thing he did was open up the 2 wrong side. When he realized his mistake he sewed up the wound so quickly that he left his instruments inside. Then he opened up the other side and found he didn't leave his instruments. So he had to begin all over again. Her husband was ready to kill him when he found out about it.

Some of the boys were doing an autopsy on one of Klipper's cases. He couldn't understand what was wrong, such a beautiful operation, you know, a beautiful operation

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only the patient died. We open the body and there's a complete set of knives and forks, teaspoons and tablespoons, a whole surgical dinner set. Klipper went around mumbling to himself, "I can't believe it, I can't believe it". Just a skeptic.

***** TWO CALLS

One time Butch was riding ambulance when a call comes in for him to pick up an old woman in an apartment house who's had a serious accident. He rushes over and up five flights, because the elevator's not running, of course, and there's the old woman in the bathtub surrounded by relatives. She went to take a bath and couldn't get out of the tub. So they called up the doctor.

Another time Butch is riding he goes to pick up a kid on West End Avenue. He comes in and the mother points to him and tells the kid who's perfectly well, "There, I told you I'd call the ambulance if you wouldn't eat your cereal!"